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Permits Now Available for Prospective Backyard Chickens

By Lisa Allmendinger, AnnArbor.com

Let the Chelsea chicken permit process proceed. Following the adoption of a new backyard chicken ordinance two weeks ago, city residents who want to have a few hens can go to the city website, download the new annual permit application and study Chelsea's ordinance requirements.

However, prospective city chicken owners are advised that the ordinance does not go into effect until April 25.

With the adoption of the ordinance, residents on small lots will be able to own up to four hens, provided that they satisfy strict ordinance requirements.

Those stipulations include that no roosters will be permitted and residents must live on single-family properties, in areas that do not restrict the ownership of poultry. Some condo associations and subdivisions prohibit the ownership of farm animals or other feathered creatures.

It costs \$10 for an annual permit, and chicken enthusiasts must provide drawings of the chicken area, its location on the owner's property, as well as the coop's relation to neighboring properties.

The chickens must be housed in a secure, well-ventilated, roofed and lockable structure and the floors and walls must be kept clean and sanitary. Each chicken must have at least 10 feet of space in the

enclosed area.

Residents should also be mindful where they place the chicken area as it must be at least 10 feet from the property line of an adjacent property, and it cannot be closer than 40

feet to any residential structure on any adjacent property.

There are other specific stipulations for disposal of chicken waste, prevention of rats, mice and other rodents and feed storage.



Beginning April 25, 2012 Chelsea opens the door to backyard chickens.

Emotions Run High

Sylvan Township Residents and Officials Face Difficult Financial Circumstances

By Melinda Baird

With little new business on Sylvan Township's agenda Tuesday night, the regular board meeting consisted primarily of public comment. Residents took full advantage of the opportunity to speak, resulting in nearly an hour of tense but civil discourse between board members and residents, with the board appearing challenged on many fronts.

Resident Kurt Kosek inquired whether any citizens of the City of Chelsea are responsible for Sylvan Township's \$13.2 million bond debt for a water and wastewater system and \$1.25 million debt for money advanced by the county treasurer. Of particular interest to Kosek and others were 30 parcels annexed into the city in 2004.

"I haven't seen anything that says they're liable," answered Township Supervisor Bob Lange. Trustee Scott Cooper agreed with Lange, adding residents of subdivision Chelsea Springs, currently seeking annexation into Chelsea, will indeed be legally bound to help repay the township's debt if incorporation into the city is granted. "According to township counsel," added Cooper.

When asked by Kosek if Chelsea Springs residents are aware of their debt obligation, Lange responded, "I don't know what to say to them. They never came to us. They know because it has been written in the newspapers. If they don't know, that's their problem, but I'd be happy to tell them."

During a recent Chelsea City Council meeting, representatives from Chelsea Springs learned that, in addition to library, school and fire millages they already pay, 11 additional mills would be levied if they obtained residency within the city.

Chelsea City Council and Chelsea Springs representatives scheduled a work session for April 10 at 6 p.m. before the Council's regularly scheduled meeting to

continue the discussion.

Resident Patrick Zieske asked about a much-discussed consent judgment as a potential resolution between Washtenaw County and the township over the roughly \$14.5 million owed to the county. "Why would we not agree to a consent judgment?" Zieske wanted to know.

Clerk LuAnn Koch echoed the same response she gave at last month's meeting, stating she would not agree to such a judgment (in which the township would have a voice in the debt repayment terms) after residents voted down a 20-year 4.75 debt service millage proposal last November. "I am not going to say yes to a consent judgment because you, the people, clearly said no to the 4.75 proposed millage. The people clearly don't want it, so why would I say yes?" Koch asked emphatically.

Lange added that a consent judgment has not yet been proposed by the county. "I haven't heard a thing from them. I wish we had. Right now, we have nothing to contest."

A later interview with County Commissioner Rob Turner revealed the county communicated with the board in February and March, informing them the county will take no action until (1) the township actually defaults on its first of two interest-only payments of \$175,000 scheduled in May, and (2) an updated equalization (property assessment) report is received.

"Before November's millage proposal, the township preferred a consent judgment. I think the majority of people would still be interested in a consent [rather than default judgment] so as not to pay a lot of legal fees," said Turner. "From my perspective, LuAnn Koch has been hot and cold on this issue, so we can't be sure what she will or will not agree to until it actually happens. If she's against it, why pursue putting a millage back on the ballot?" he asked.

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Stockbridge Students Return from Palau

By Sandie Kay

The Stockbridge High School ROV team has many stories to share of their 17-day excursion to Palau this spring.

Not many students have the opportunity to dine with a

foreign head of state and a US Ambassador. Palau President Johnson Toribiong and US Ambassador to Palau Helen Reed-Rowe took time to eat with Stockbridge High School students, staff, and Bent

Prop representatives before meeting with a delegation from China. The Vice President and Education Minister were also in attendance.

In addition, the pilot of one of the WWII planes located

was contacted and shown photos of the Corsair. "We skillfully and successfully ditched that airplane on 21 November 1944," said the 91-year-old veteran. He wrote about his experience and rescue in the after-action report as coolly as if he were describing a trip to the corner store for a pack of gum," said Stockbridge Robotics Instructor Bob Richards. He added that although contacting the surviving pilot was not the main mission of the trip, which was to reunite long-lost MIAs with their families, it was still an emotional moment to reunite an old warrior with the machine that saved his life - a lifetime ago.



Students from Stockbridge High School joined the BentProp Team in a visit with the President of Palau and member of his cabinet. The high schoolers accompanied BentProp team members in the search for missing WWII soldiers.

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Obituaries

Roberta Kay Joseph Dansville Michigan

Passed away at age 65, Saturday, April 7, 2012. She was born October 8, 1946 in Stockbridge, the daughter of DeLancey and Helen (Andrews) Cooper. In 1964 she married Larry Hall Joseph in Stockbridge. She was a member of the Heritage United Brethren Church in Dansville.

Roberta enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening, and was a leader for the Dansville 4-H and a clerk for the Ingham County Fair. She was involved in the community choir and enjoyed singing Karaoke. She had never met a stranger.

She is survived by her husband and six children: Laurie (Stephen) Demers of Stockbridge, Kevin (Tina) Joseph of Sandwich, Illinois,

Thomas Kenneth McNamara Chelsea Michigan

Passed away at age 85, Thursday, April 5, 2012 at his home with his family by his side. He was born on March 7, 1927 in Detroit, the son of Joseph McNamara and Jennie Frances (Radigan) McNamara.

Tom enlisted with the United States Navy in March 1944, serving as Fireman First Class, USNR during World War II. He was released with an Honorable Discharge in June 1946. Tom loved meeting with people and he never met a stranger. He always had a story to share. Tom was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. He also enjoyed sports, especially the Detroit Tigers. Travelling, camping, and just spending time with his family brought him most happiness to him.

Tom and his wife, Opal, celebrated 65 years of marriage as of February 15, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Opal (O'Dell) McNamara of Chelsea; their two daughters, Sandra M. Truax of Kalamazoo and Patricia A. and Gregg R. Keller of Whitmore Lake; his brother, John, and sisters: Marion, Joan, Ann, and Dorothy; his brother- and sisters-in-law: Elise, Harrison, and Sue; his grandchildren: Alden, Lynn and husband David, Tommy, William and wife Lisa, Tilita and husband Travis, Nicole, and Melissa; his great-grandchildren: Corey, Anthony,

Suzanne (Matthew) Wiborn of Dansville, Brian (Angie) Joseph of Troy, Ohio, Rebecca (Brad) Brookens of Mt. Pleasant, and Stephen Joseph of Dansville. She is also survived by two sisters, Janet (Franklin) Lyon of Eaton Rapids and Ruth Ann Schone of Stockbridge, 15 grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Services took place Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 2 p.m. from the Millville United Methodist Church with Pastor Cal Hodgson officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Dansville Christian Youth Center or the Eaton County Palliative Care Center.

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Heather, Hailee, Gaven, Mackenzie, Dezmund, Jaidyn, Tommy, Kevin, Amanda, Bryttony, Cariligh, Alexis, Renay, and Anthony; and his great-great-grandson, Kevin. Also, in loving memory, his daughter, Linda, his brothers, Joseph and William, and sisters, Delores and Mary.

Funeral Mass was Tuesday, April 10 from St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea with Fr. Fortunato Turati officiating. Private interment will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to a Mesothelioma research organization of one's choice.

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Eleanor Clara Beck Chelsea Michigan, formerly of North Lake

Passed away at age 97, Thursday, April 5, 2012 at her home. Eleanor was born April 4, 1915 in Detroit, the daughter of Grant and Annabelle (Radtke) Hatcher.

August 3, 1940 she married Roy D. Beck, Jr. in Detroit and he preceded her in death March 15, 1987.

Eleanor lived in the Chelsea and North Lake area since 1928. She studied ballet and piano when she was young, graduated from Northern High School in Detroit, and was a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by two children, Roy D. Beck, III of Waterford and Claire Ann (Patrick) Waters of Chelsea; one grandson, Roy D. Beck, IV (Audrey Ashley) of Waterford;

two step-grandchildren, Matthew Waters and Sara Waters, both of Florida; one great-granddaughter, Jamie (Adam) Strong of Cookeville, Tennessee; two great-great-granddaughters, Caitlyn and Alissa Strong; and also her lifelong friend, Yolanda Perkins. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Douglas Hatcher.

A Memorial Service will take place Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1pm from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea with Rev. Alice Sheffield officiating. Visitation will be from 12 noon until the time of service.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

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Stockbridge Village Police

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6:00 PM: Investigated a harassing telephone complaint in the 800 block of S. Clinton. Officers obtained a number for the accused subject and made contact. The caller was believed to be a juvenile. No other calls were placed to the complainant.

7:30 PM: Found property complaint in the 500 block of W. Main.

4/4 ~ 8:00 PM: Injured deer in the road in the 800 block of S. Clinton. Officers dispatched the deer without incident.

4/5 ~ 10:30 AM: Investigated a complaint of counterfeit money being passed in the 4900 block of S. M-52. This case is under investigation.

4/8 ~ 1:00 AM: A traffic stop for defective equipment garnered a possession of Marijuana charge for a 20 yr old Ann Arbor man near the intersection of Main and Clinton. A warrant is pending.

Unadilla Township Police

4/2 ~ Day time home invasion, Williams Road

~ Fraud investigation, Williams Road

4/3 ~ Welfare check, M-36

~ Telephone harassment, Williams Road

4/4 ~ 42-year-old Stockbridge Township woman arrested on misdemeanor warrant, M-36

~ 40-year-old Fenton man arrested on civil warrants, released after posting bond, Webb Street

~ 40-year-old Fenton man identified in house investment scam, Felony charges presented to prosecutor for defrauding Unadilla Township man, Wasson Road

4/5 ~ Recreational trespass, ATV operating on State land, Bruin Lake Campground

~ Juveniles trespassing in dock area of commercial building, subjects identified by police, Kuhn Street

4/6 ~ Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with smoke investigation, Donohue Road

~ Suspicious vehicle, San Luray Drive

~ Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Spears Road

4/7 ~ Fisherman trespassing on private property, Rockwell Road

~ Aggressive dogs wandering at large, Main Street

~ Neighbor dispute, Williams Road

~ Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with investigation of mentally ill person, W. M-36

Chelsea City Police

4/06 ~ S. Main at Old US 12, at approximately 10:30 am officers observed a vehicle attempt to evade the police. The officer located the vehicle and ran the vehicle registration and it came back as an improper plate. Upon making contact with the driver it was determined that he was currently suspended out of the State of Michigan. The subject a 25 year old Chelsea resident was taken into custody on a charge of improper registration as well as driving on a suspended operator's license. The subject was processed and released pending warrant authorization.

Pinckney Village Police

4/2 ~ Unruly juvenile, Ashton Street

~ Larceny by conversion, E. Main Street

~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Pearl Street

~ Juvenile disturbance at Pinckney Elementary School, W. M-36

~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Patterson Lake Road

4/3 ~ Assisted Michigan State Police with search of female prisoner by female officer, E. Grand River Ave.

~ Ordinance violation, door to door salesman, S. Howell Street

4/4 ~ Juveniles trespassing at ACO, N. Howell Street

~ Assisted Putnam Township Fire Department with smoke investigation, W. Main Street

4/5 ~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, William Street

4/6 ~ 24-year-old Putnam man arrested and released for driving while license suspended, S. Dexter Street

~ 36-year-old Pinckney man arrested for Felony domestic violence, Vincent Street

4/7 ~ Ordinance investigation, open burning complaint, S. Howell Street

~ Assist to Hamburg Township Police Department for a report of a suicidal person, subject taken into protective custody (location not published)

Waterloo Township Police

4/2 ~ Stopped a Grass Lake man for driving on a suspended license on Clear Lake Road at 7:40 am.

~ Assisted a lost motorist looking for an address on Portage Lake Road at 9:30 am.

4/3 ~ Began an investigation into a man suspected of selling meth in the Waterloo area coming from Jackson.

~ Stopped a suspected suspended driver on Main Street in Munith at 1:10 pm.

4/4 ~ Investigated a suspicious vehicle on Huttenlocker Road seen leaving a suspected drug use address.

~ Handled a car-tree crash on Topth near Parks Road at 5:25 pm.

~ Checked the area of Riethmiller near Waterloo-Munith Road for a motorcycle traffic crash at 7:52 pm.

4/5 ~ Assisted a Motor Carrier Officer on a traffic stop of a semi-truck cutting through Waterloo Township to avoid the scales.

4/6 ~ Arrested an Ypsilanti woman for driving on a suspended drivers license on a traffic stop on M-52 at 9:27 pm.

4/7 ~ Searched the area of M-52 near Leeke Road for a reckless driver in a small blue pick up.

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Resident Rod Branham questioned the board about their use of the 1% administration fee collected by the township treasurer with residents' twice yearly tax bills, reminding the board of the Michigan statute requiring the fee strictly be used for the purpose of administering the bills.

Treasurer Arlene Grau stated the collected fee, estimated at \$65,700 for the upcoming fiscal year, is used only to pay for the assessor, treasurer, and their computer equipment "with no funds left over." When further

pressed by Branham, Lange admitted to putting any leftover money from the 1% fee into the township's general fund. "It is an accepted practice in the county," he said. "I didn't know it was illegal, and I was told there is nothing left over anyway."

Resident Karen Woollams requested actual expenditures from last month's treasurer's report as promised to residents by the board at the last meeting. Trustee Scott Cooper assured her the information will be compiled and available for residents soon indicating Koch has been out of

the office for medical reasons.

Former Township Supervisor Michael Williams raised the topic of recent lawsuits (filed by developers Norfolk and Magellan against the township) reaching resolution through consent agreement in December. Williams took issue with the content of the consent documents, which, he contended, concluded with developers not having to pay for all of their liability. "A significant amount of debt was forgiven somehow, which makes what we pay more," said Williams. Resident Carol Jackson added, "I don't feel the board's been transparent. Something doesn't smell right."

Resident Brian Koch, husband of LuAnn Koch, expressed his desire for less accusations and more cooperation. "I've lived this thing for a lot of years. We have to decide what it is we want, and come up with a solution."

Trustee Cooper agreed with Koch's philosophy. "This water and sewer debacle is not going to change. Now we have to figure out how to pay in the best, fairest way we can."

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Raising Backyard Chickens
Thursday, April 19 • 7 pm
In 2009, Ingham County passed an ordinance allowing households to keep chickens. Lansing resident and chicken owner Corie Jason took up the challenge! She'll explain how to get started raising chickens in your own backyard. Co-sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition.

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PINCKNEY COMMUNITY

Pirate Boys Golf Team Has High Hopes for 2012

The Pinckney golf team has high hopes for the 2012 season. The Pirates lost only one golfer from last year's squad that finished third in the state at the Division 1 finals.

The 2011 team also won the KLAA title, district title and placed third in the regional, but with so much experience returning the Pirates will be shooting for more.

Leading the Pirates are senior captains Otto Black and Jordan Andrus who are focused on taking the next step and having strong senior seasons.

The KLAA will be tough this season with several teams pushing the Pirates for the

title. The team is using the mantra of "No one remembers last season but us. No one is going to give us anything! We must earn it!"

Rounding out the top five for Pinckney are sophomore Sam Black, and juniors Nick Morpheu and Jason VanEizenga.

Several players will be shooting for the sixth spot, including senior Kevin Schrock, sophomores Jack Morpheu and Patrick Duffy, junior Justin Kaminski and freshmen Cooper Jenkins and Steven Schrock.



Jordan Andrus and Otto Black are the returning senior captains that hope to lead the Pinckney golf team to a state title this season. The Pirates finished third in the Division 1 State Finals in 2011. Pictures provided by Bruce Rabbitt



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Hartland Too Much for Pirates Tennis Team

The Pinckney girls' tennis team had a rough time with a strong Hartland squad last week, falling to the Eagles 8-1.

Hartland opened the match with a pair of 6-0, 6-1 wins at 1 and 2 singles. Sarah Masinda played tough at 3 singles, but fell 6-2, 6-3. Leslie Wreford dropped a hard fought 6-4, 6-4 decision at 4 singles.

The Eagles took a 5-0 lead with a win at number one doubles, but the team of Ashley Larmee and Kaitlyn Zdanawski kept the Pirates from being swept by winning at number two doubles 7-5, 7-5.

Hartland swept the rest of the doubles matches on the way to the victory.

Dexter Baseball Splits Pair with Plymouth Canton

The Dexter baseball team continued its strong early season play Saturday with a doubleheader split with perennial power Plymouth Canton.

The Dreadnaughts dropped a tough 3-2 decision in the opener.

Dexter took a 2-0 lead in the third on a two run double by Jordan Sharp.

Joel Gowen allowed only one hit through five innings, but Canton struck for three extra base hits in the sixth to take a 3-2 lead.

Dexter threatened in the seventh, putting a runner on second base with one out, but Plymouth struck out the final two batter to hold on for the win.

"We had runners in scoring position every inning, but could not come through with the big hit," coach Don Little said.

Hank Dreffs and Zack Byron had two hits each for Dexter.

The Dreadnaughts dug themselves a hole in the second game falling behind 6-1 due to a couple of infield hits

and a couple of Dexter errors.

"We looked pretty bad for a couple of innings, but I'm really proud of how our guys put it behind them and battled back," Little said.

In the third Sharp doubled home MacKay Little and scored on an over throw to cut the Canton lead to 6-3.

Greg Goffee knocked in Byron to make it 6-4 in the fourth and Little blasted a triple to knock in Goffee and Dreffs to tie things up at 6. Sharp knocked in Little with a single, giving the Dreadnaughts a 7-6 lead.

Canton retied in at 7-7 in the top of the seventh, but Brett Garwood ripped a hard single to knock in Chris Zalucha with the winning run.

Dylan Pierce picked up the win in relief, allowing one run on two hits in four innings.

Grawood had three hits and Sharp added two for Dexter.

The Dreadnaughts improved to 4-2 overall on the season.

Sports By Mike "Willie" Williamson

Dexter COMMUNITY

Dreadnaught Lacrosse Rallies to Nip Salem



Jake Waldrup led the Dreadnaughts with four goals in their 8-6 win over Plymouth Salem. Photo by Mike Williamson

The Dexter lacrosse team battled adversity for the first time this season as the Dreadnaughts were forced to come from behind to pull out a hard fought 8-6 win over Plymouth Salem Thursday night.

The teams battled to a 1-1 tie after one period, but Salem used a ball control offense to set up some good shots and take a 5-2 lead at halftime.

Dexter began its rally in the third period using a pressure offense and capitalizing on a Salem penalty to cut the lead to 5-4 after three.

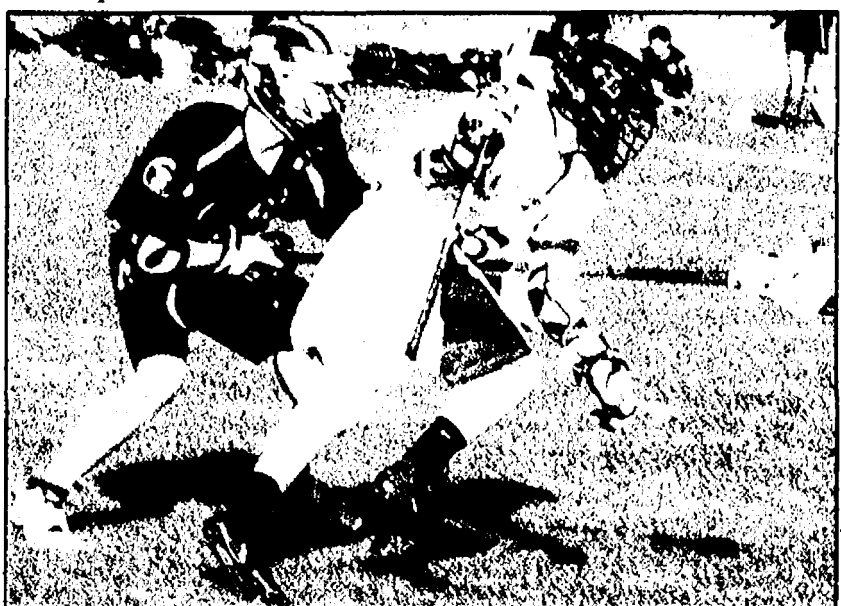
The Dreadnaughts tied things at five early in the fourth period and took a 6-5

lead moments later, but the lead was short lived with Salem scoring just a minute later.

Jake Waldrup put Dexter up for good with a goal with just over three minutes left in the game and drove the game out of reach with another goal with just over one minute left.

Waldrup finished with four goals, while Mike Spuller scored two goals and assisted on two. Cameron Rooks scored a goal and an assist, while Pat Rogers scored a goal.

Chris Staton made eight saves and Zach Tidwell made five in net for the Dreadnaughts.



Andy McDonagh dives to take a shot during the 8-5 win over Plymouth Salem. Photo by Mike Williamson

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Pinckney Business & Service Expo Draws on Student Talents

In a joint effort between local businesses, Pinckney Community Schools and

several Pinckney community organizations, a Spring Business Expo has been

planned to take place April 21 from 10am to 6pm at the Pathfinder/Navigator parking lot on M-36 in Pinckney. The Expo is to showcase all that Pinckney has to offer.

The event is sponsored by Klave's Marina, Busch's Food Center, the Marketeer and DJ Sounds. Pinckney High School business, graphic arts and architecture students have been planning the event and recruiting services, vendors and community volunteers.

A contest for best advertising design took place at the high school and the winning entry was provided by Rae Houston. She was awarded \$50 for her design (right) which was used in the marketing of the event.

Through fundraising by Pinckney High School students, the first 10 student organizations to sign up for a free booth were offered a chance to record a commercial on WHMI radio.

Student volunteers will be active the day of the Expo to welcome people, direct vehicles and foot traffic, and assist vendors.

Zack LaButte, an architecture student, has been working with Kerry Klave at Klave's Marina to design the Expo and outdoor display space.

During the event, Busch's Foods will provide a free hot dog roast while collecting money for the Dexter Tornado Relief Fund. Vendors from many businesses will be on hand showcasing cars, boats, golf carts, building contractors, landscapers, veterinarian services, canoeing and kayaking, home based businesses products, dance studios, and much more.

The American Legion Post 419 will be doing an Honor Guard Flag Raising at 9:45 am to kick off the Expo. Legion members will be fund raising to bring a historic war memorial to Livingston County



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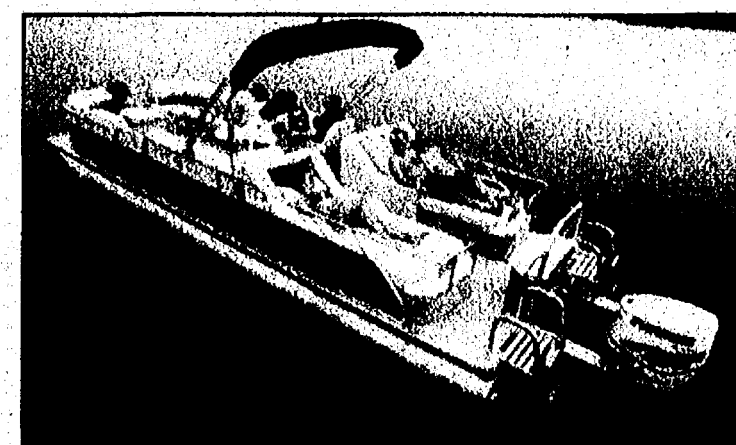
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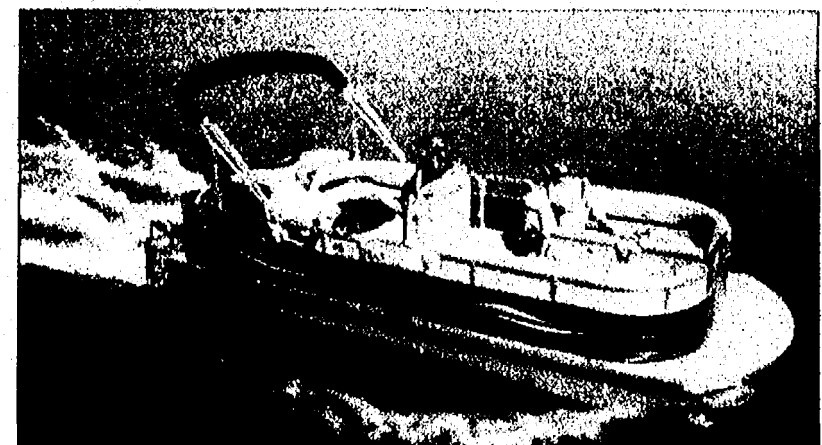
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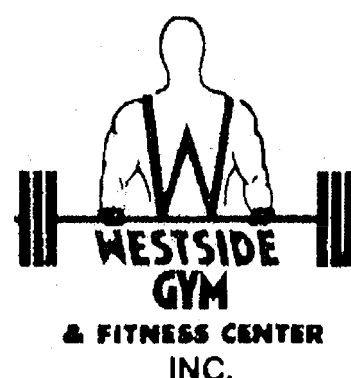
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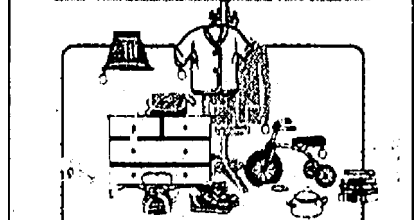
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The Purple Rose Theater Presents White Buffalo

Hope for the world is cultivated in a young farm girl living in a sleepy Wisconsin town with the birth of a pure white buffalo calf. Inspired by real life events, The Purple Rose Theater's presentation of *White Buffalo* left not a dry eye among cast or audience during its Press Opening Friday, April 6.

Eighteen year old Abby Gelling (played by Stacie Hadgikosti) is no stranger to calamity and loss but faces the world, and her mother Carol (played by Michelle Mountain) with defiant optimism.

The two women are alone in the daily struggle that is left after a family is shattered



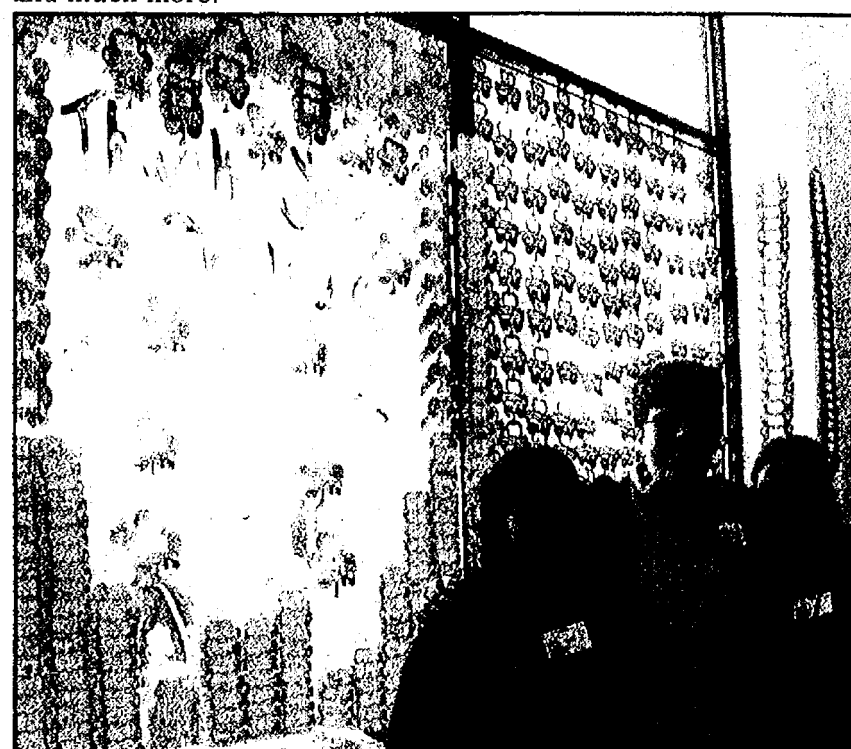
In the audience for an opening performance of the Purple Rose Theater's true life inspired *White Buffalo* was the writer Don Zolidis and his wife Lisa who were joined by the actual owners of the white buffalo calf Valerie and David Heider of Wisconsin. Photo by Wendy Wood.

Polly's Raises \$15K for MDA

Polly's Country Market tallied up the proceeds of their annual St. Patrick's MDA fund drive and were able to donate more than \$15,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The funds donated by generous shoppers at all Mid-Michigan Polly's locations will help support a variety of activities including MDA research, care, summer camps and much more.

Shoppers at the Chelsea location donated nearly half of the total - a whopping \$6,437 during the drive that began on Valentines Day and ended on St. Patrick's Day.

Members of the Polly's team expressed gratitude for the care and generosity of their patrons in helping to assist those who live with this debilitating disease.



Polly's Country Market raised more than \$15,000 in its annual fund drive for MDA. Cat (left) Andrea (center) and Mallory were happy to participate from the top raising Chelsea store. Photo by Wendy Wood.

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by tragedy. Into their dusty lives a native Sioux prophecy brings the focus of the world. The birth of the fabled White Buffalo fulfills an ancient promise for peace on Earth and unity of mankind.

The first inkling that this calf is more than "kinda cool" for Carol and Abby, comes with a visit by John Two Rivers (played by Michael Brian Ogden), a native Sioux.

John has seen firsthand the plight of many Native Americans living on reservations that are overcome with widespread poverty, alcoholism and despair. He was drawn to the Gelling farm to see the rare legendary symbol of hope for himself.

He is the first of many, including a broken father (played by Alex Leydenfrost) and the Dali Lama, to make the pilgrimage. As the Gelling women come to understand the significance of the White Buffalo, they struggle with basic human instincts for survival, security, redemption and hope.

The death of a child, the breakdown of a marriage, a soul eaten by addiction - *White Buffalo* is a gritty portrayal of some of life's most difficult circumstances.

Yet hope and healing is found in honesty and forgiveness.

With moments of laughter and music, The Purple Rose cast brings this American

family story to life. An incredible offer from a mysterious businessman leaves many in the audience wondering "what would I do?"

The *White Buffalo* is a world premiere by writer Don Zolidis. Guy Sandville is the director. It will run for 10 weeks - through June 2, at The Purple Rose Theater, 137 Park Street in Chelsea.

For ticket reservations call (734)433-ROSE (7673). Box office hours are Monday-Friday 10am to 6pm. Tickets and show times are also available at www.purplerosetheater.org

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First Congregational Church Players Present And Evermore Shall Be So

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The people of Neon, Kentucky, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Nashville, Tennessee have all been recipients of the work efforts of FCC members. This year a group of 32 youths and adults will travel to Middleburg, Pennsylvania to work for a week in July, rebuilding homes damaged by flooding last spring.

Funds for the missions are raised through plays. The church is transformed into a stage for performances - the sanctuary has been a B & B, a bakery, a church office and this year, an English Vicarage. This year's performance is a murder mystery by

the contemporary English playwright Norman Robbins. Doug Beaumont has been the director of these performances for the last two years. Beaumont has many years of theater experience and enjoys directing this cast, some of whom have very little stage experience. "Watching them become comfortable in their roles is fun," he said.

Mary Schrottenboer is the stage manager, prop procurer, and costumer for every play. "I love being creative with the staging of our productions. To be able to raise money for our Mission Trip is a tremendous bonus."

Performances will take place Thursday April 19, Friday April 20 at 7:30 pm and Sunday April 22 at 2pm at First Congregational 21 E Middle Street in Chelsea. No reservations are needed and the cost is a free will donation to the mission. Refreshments will be served after each performance.

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VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE RESIDENTS OAKLAWN CEMETERY CLEANUP

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The Village of Stockbridge will hold its annual Oaklawn Cemetery Cleanup on Saturday, April 14, 2012 starting at 9:00 am through finish. The village is requesting volunteers. For those that plan on helping, please bring gloves and a rake if available. Oaklawn Cemetery is located on South Williams Street next to the DPW Garage.

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BIDS ACCEPTED FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP is accepting bids for the mowing and trimming maintenance of 3 cemeteries located on Welch Lake/Seymour Roads, Huttenlocher/Hannewald Roads and Moeckel/Trist Roads. Please submit your bids by 1 p.m. on April 16, 2012 along with a copy of your current liability insurance to Waterloo Township Clerk, Attn: Cemetery Maintenance Bids; P.O. Box 130, 11120 Musbach Road, Munith 49259.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ZONING ORDINANCE NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, DIVISION 14, SECTION 30-554, SPECIAL USES IN INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR RETAIL INCIDENTAL TO PERMITTED USES/SPECIAL USES AND NURSERY AND FLOWER SHOPS AS A SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT. THE TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: The Sylvan Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-554, is amended by the addition thereto of the following specially permitted uses: Retail incidental to permitted uses or approved special uses.

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SECTION 3: The remaining provisions of the Sylvan Township Zoning Ordinance and all amendments thereto are hereby ratified and reaffirmed.

SECTION 4: In the event that any provision of the within amending Ordinance for any reason is held to be unconstitutional or void, that provision shall be struck from the amendment and severed, the remaining provisions shall be enforced according to their terms.

SECTION 5: The within amending Ordinance shall be effective 20 days after adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED: April 4, 2012 PUBLISHED: April 11, 2012 EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2012

BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS HAZARDOUS WASTE ORDINANCE MEETING

Notice Bunkerhill Township Residents: At our next regular meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM the township board will consider adopting a revised hazardous waste ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is available to view online at www.bunkerhilltownship.org and at the Town hall located at 871 Decamp Rd., Stockbridge MI 49285.

Carrie Zeltz, Bunkerhill Township Clerk

BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS MEETING SYNOPSIS MINUTES

March 20, 2012 Bunkerhill Township Meeting Synopsis - Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance led by Ulrey Present: Ulrey, Rhines, Dufort, Zeltz & Barnett Absent: None Motion Dufort, Support Ulrey to accept minutes as written. Motion carried Motion Zeltz, support Barnett to accept treasurer's report as written. Motion carried BS&A software - Would like to update our General Ledger Program, Accounts Payable program. Motion Zeltz, support Ulrey to purchase BS&A software programs General Ledger and Accounts Payable. Motion carried Roll Call: Barnett, Yes, Zeltz, Yes, Dufort Yes, Rhines, Yes, Ulrey Yes, 5 Yes 0 No Motion carried David Chapman Agency - Gave a quote for insurance. Current insurance is Burnham and Flower. Quote is a little higher than the current rate. Roll Call Vote Yes Change to David Chapman No to stay with current company NO, Barnett, No Zeltz, No Dufort, Rhine yes, Ulrey Yes. Insurance carrier will remain Burnham and Flower. Grass Mowing - Chad Silveus will continue to mow grass for same quote as last year. New contract to be typed up and signed. Motion Dufort, support Ulrey to accept Silveus to continue with lawn mowing. Motion carried Motion Dufort, support Ulrey to pay bills totaling 16,199.56. Motion carried Motion Ulrey support Rhines to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM motion carried - Carrie Zeltz, Bunkerhill Township Clerk

2012 Stockbridge Scholar Athletes

Stockbridge High School is proud to announce the 26 students who qualified for the honor of Scholar Athlete for the Winter 2012 Sports Season. Five students qualified for the first time.

To qualify for this honor, students must earn a varsity letter in their particular sport and have a current Grade Point Average of 3.50. The GPA was based on the 2nd 9 week marking period. The students who qualified are:

Varsity Boys Basketball

Alec Armstrong, Mitchel Clark, Kaleb Grammer, Conner Knepley, Marcus Prigge

Varsity Girls Basketball

Brianna Baldrige, Audra Goodlock, Jasmine Holloway, Barbara Lance, Sarah McLelland, Kairi Petersen, Rebecca Powers, Kellie Rizzolo

Varsity Boys Bowling

Jacob Weiland

Varsity Girls Bowling

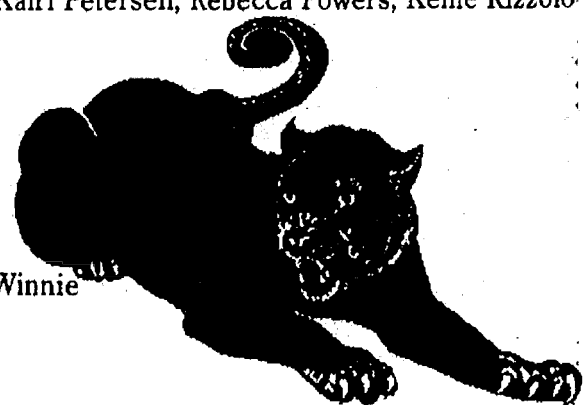
Noelani Sweet

Varsity Wrestling

Christopher Balkus, Joseph Duke, Joshua Ensign, Thomas Kimmel, Jeffrey Tucker

Varsity Competitive Cheer Team

Allie Battle, Cassie Ejarque, Mercedes Medina, Hope Salyer, Shelby Scutchfield, Taylor Winnie



A Tale of Two Dexter Community Groups Impacted by the March Tornado

By Lisa Allmendinger, AnnArbor.com

When an EF-3 tornado touched down in Dexter Village and Dexter Township on March 15, it caused a cancellation of the annual Dexter Area Historical Society's Pioneer Arts Fair two days later, and it meant finding a new venue for the Dexter Community Orchestra concert scheduled for that Sunday.

For the historical society, the art fair was supposed to take place at Creekside Elementary on March 17. The cancellation of a major fundraiser for the group's museum left the group issuing an apology to people who arrived at the site unaware that it had been cancelled.

"Our sincere apologies to our artists, volunteers, members, and the community for the late cancellation of the Pioneer Arts Fair," a statement from the board of directors' states.

Because of the cancellation, there was talk that perhaps the art fair might not be held in the future. Since then, however, the board of directors held a meeting and decided that they would move forward with plans to bring back the fundraiser next year, said newly elected President Bene Fusilier.

She hopes that visitors understand the unusual circumstance that caused the cancellation and that people will continue to support the event.

The Dexter Community Orchestra had better luck with

their scheduled event, although it meant some scrambling for a change of venue for both a practice facility for the musicians prior to the concert and for the concert itself.

The 84 musicians were able to practice that Friday night at Pioneer High School and were able to secure the Saline Middle School for their concert.

The orchestra's board of directors decided to donate half their profits to the Dexter Relief Fund, and some members were able to hand Matt LaFontaine, general manager of LaFontaine Chevrolet, which helped organize the fund, a check for \$1,000.

"The people in the Saline School District were fabulous," said Melinda Morang, board president, who added that the district did not charge the orchestra for use of the building.

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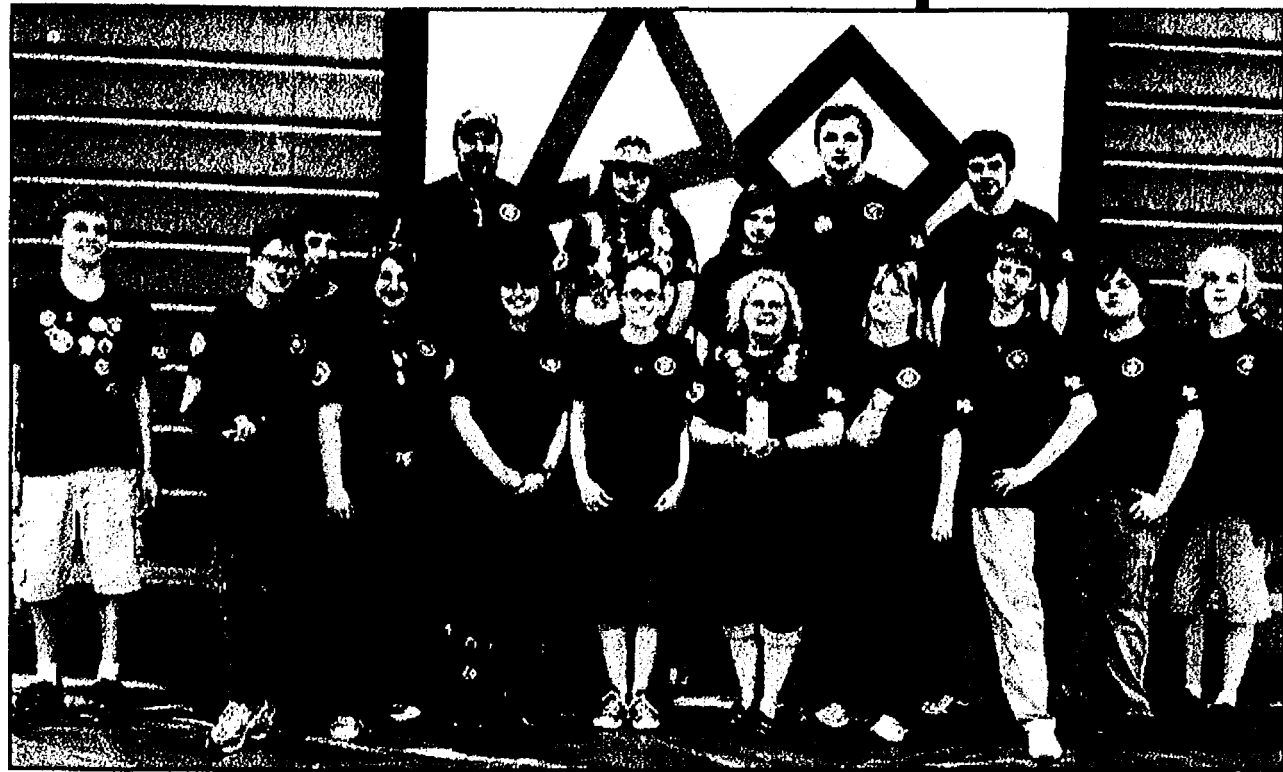
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Chelsea High School Robotics Team Places Well in Northville Competition



The Chelsea High School Robotics Team placed 26 out of 40 and brought home the Entrepreneurship Award. Pictured above is (front row, left to right) Alden Cook, Adam Junkins, Annika Corazzol, Melissa Wright, Krista Pagliarini, Jane Morse, Deborah Moerland, Nick Guidry, Grant Smith, and Matt DeGraff. In the back row is Jon Negus, Steve Gotha, Rebecca Gotha, Alicia White, Ryan Gotha and Cameron Beatty. Team members not in the picture are Brett Kotula, Mike Kizer, Logan Watkin, Tony Altomonte, Greysen Bauserman, Paul Kizer, Jeff McKay and Kotula.

The Chelsea High School Robotics Team, FIRST Robotics Team 1502 Technical Difficulties, attended the Northville District competition March 31 and April 2 finishing well.

FIRST - For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is an international program that works to promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through the creation of high school robotics teams.

After a day and a half of competition, the team was ranked 26 out of 40 with their robot, named Arachnid, that was designed to shoot baskets and balance on a bridge. After competing with 12 teams from throughout the state, Chelsea was chosen to join an alliance with EngiNERDs of Grand Blanc and Chimeras of Lapeer.

The alliance went up against the number seven alliance and won, moving on to the semi-finals. During the semi-finals, the team lost its first match, won its second match, and amidst some controversy lost its third match.

In addition, Chelsea received the Entrepreneurship Award, sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, for its comprehensive business plan and its entrepreneurial enthusiasm.

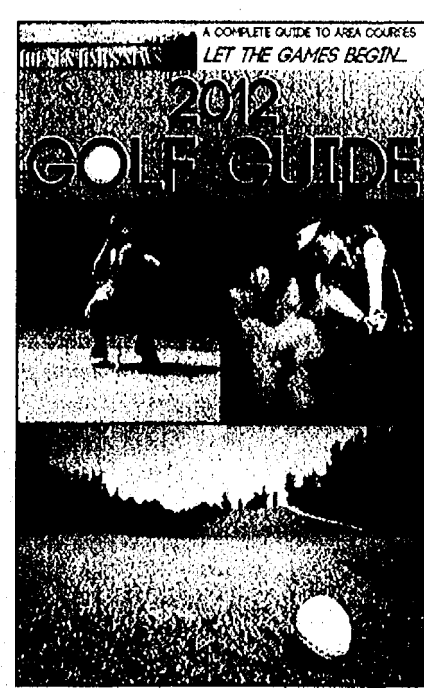
The team would like to thank all of its mentors, parents, and sponsors for making all of this possible, especially The Chrysler Foundation, Chelsea Comfort Inn and Conference Center, Tutorial Services, Steven Morse & Company, Chelsea Tool, Kennedy Associates, Mike's Home Repair, and Roberts Paint & Body.



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Stockbridge Lion Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt



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Photo by Melinda Baird

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Getting the Garden Ready for Planting

By Ann Jarema

With the early arrival of warm weather and an early spring many ventured outside to start cleaning the garden beds and vegetable patches.

While there are still many cold days and nights before vegetables can be planted, it is good time to get soil tests conducted and start this season's plan of action.

Many garden centers are open for business and offering seeds and seed starting supplies. Some have begun their seasonal gardening classes and presentations. Now is the final call for starting seeds indoors.

Many gardeners are getting that itch to get out the tiller and work up their garden soil - be sure it's not too wet. It really is best for the garden's long-term health to resist the urge to work the soil when it is still wet. Whether you use a tiller, plow or just a garden spade, working wet soil will compact creating negative effects that can last for many years.

Tightly packed soil particles leaving less room for water and air to penetrate. Compacted soil also makes it more difficult for plant roots and gardening equipment to move effectively through the soil. The compression forms tight clumps that become hard as rocks upon drying and are difficult to break up.

In addition to making it difficult for plants to grow, compacted soils also tend to drain more slowly, in turn delaying the ability to work the soil after the next rainfall.

Once compacted, it will take many years to rebuild a healthy soil structure, requiring annual applications of organic matter such as composted plant and animal wastes or perhaps growing a green manure crop, such as annual rye or winter wheat.

The best course of action is to prevent compaction in the first place. To determine whether your garden's soil is dry enough to work, dig a trowel full of soil and squeeze it in your hand. Soil that crumbles through your fingers when squeezed is ready to garden. If, however, the soil

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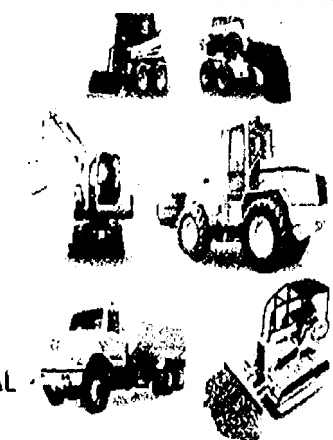
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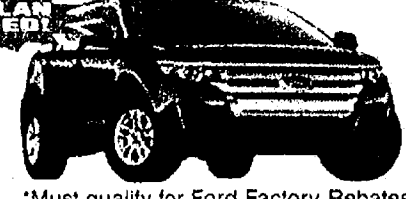
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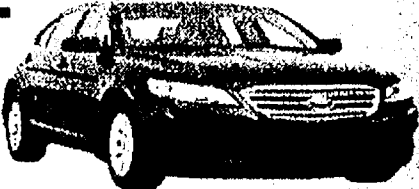
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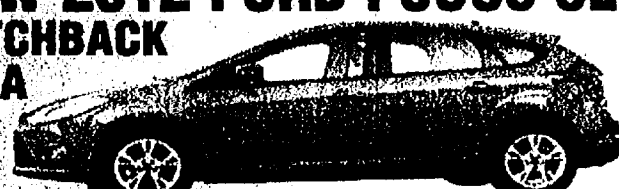


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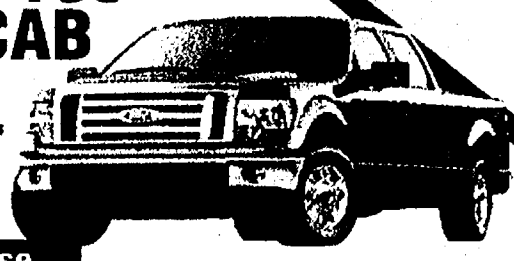
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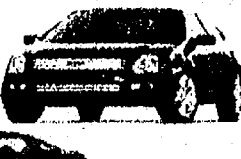
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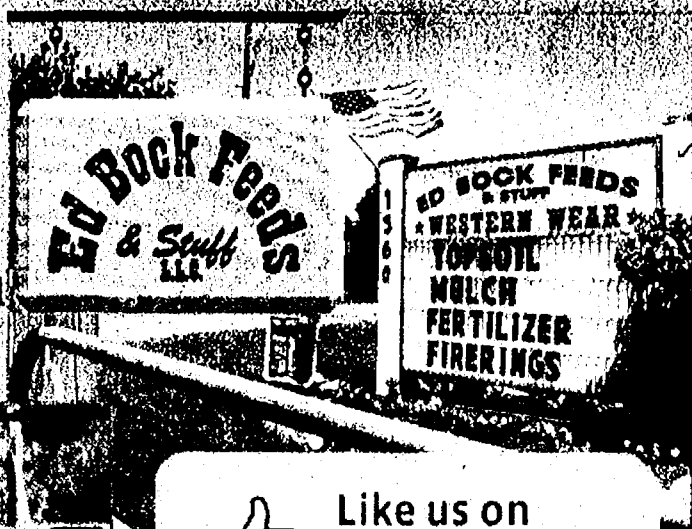
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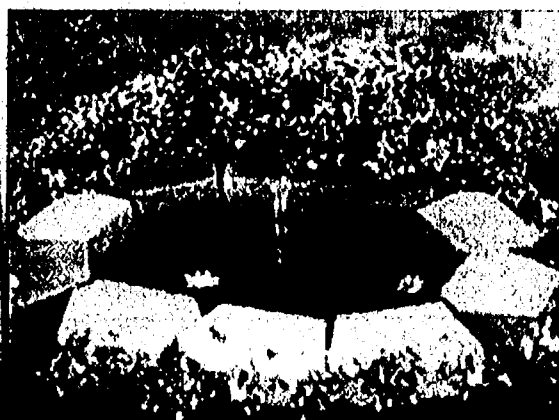
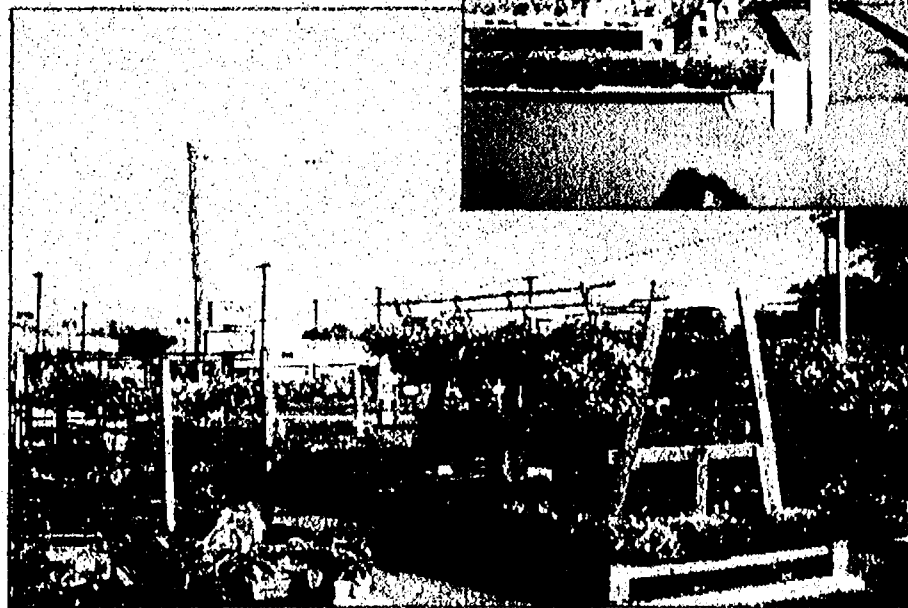


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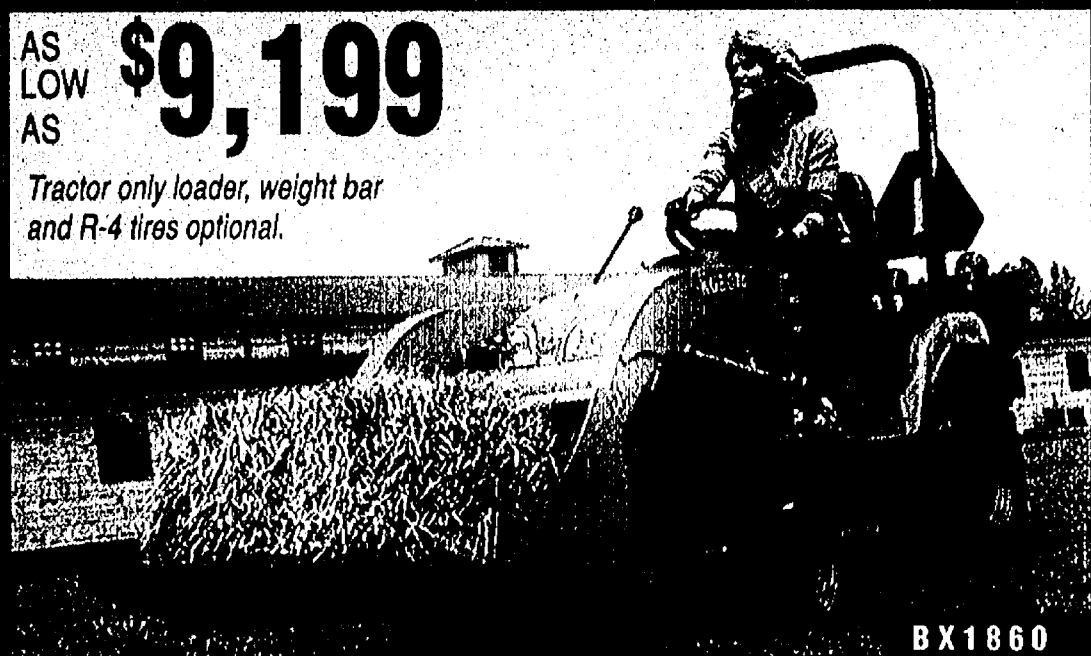
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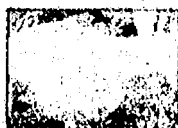


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Herbs can make a wonderful addition to your garden. Even if you only have a patio with some containers, herbs can have a place there. While most common herbs are used for cooking, others are grown for their brilliant flowers or fragrance and many are used for medicinal purposes. Most herbs are very easy to grow and there is a wide variety to choose from. Locate the garden bed in the southernmost sunny spot of your yard to make sure your herbs get at least six hours of sun each day. Sunlight forces the plants to produce the oils that give them their flavor. If this is to be a kitchen herb garden, try to keep it close to the house. You may prefer to plant them among the sunny flowers beds, they intermingle well.

Here are some considerations as you plan your herb garden site and plant care guidelines. Think high and dry. Planting your garden in a raised bed 10 or more inches off the ground will help ensure good drainage, which is essential to the good health of herbs. Fill the bed with two parts each of sterilized topsoil, peat moss, and sand or fine gravel. You should end up with a slightly acidic or near-neutral pH - the ideal environment for most herbs.

Get tested. Even if you create a raised bed, a soil test is a good idea. Check with your county extension service for information on soil testing in your area or you can also buy a do-it-yourself kit (available at most garden centers). You'll want your soil to be about 6.5 to 7 on the 14-point pH scale. Soil that's too acidic (below 6.5) needs lime; sulfur, peat moss, pine needles, or oak leaves can balance soil that's too alkaline (above 7).

Start small. Ambition can do you in, so keep your first garden a manageable size. A 4- x 6-foot space can accommodate enough plants to service a family with fresh herbs and enough

to dry for future use nice. Make sure to allow for stepping stones or a path through the middle of the garden so you can harvest and weed easily.

Make a blueprint. Draw your garden design to scale on a sheet of graph paper; include any permanent structures such as trees, shrubs, or walls in addition to where you plan to place your herb plants. Because they will be permanent, first place your perennials: oregano, thyme, rosemary, sage, mint, and tarragon. Fill in around the perennials with the annuals: basil and cilantro, which are replanted every year.

Skip the seeds. For your first garden, buy transplants instead, you'll have a better chance of success. Choose plants that aren't overgrown in their pots, and that show no signs of rot or fungus at the base. Two or three plants of each should keep a small family stocked, but buy according to your tastes. You may be able to get by with one thyme and one rosemary plant and go heavy on the basil if you plan to make pesto.

Let them breathe and give them room. Breezy conditions help keep plants drier and discourage the growth of fungus, the bane of herb gardeners. Plant 12 to 18 inches from the nearest fence, wall, hedge, or other high barrier. In general, allow 18 inches between plants. Some will need more room, particularly perennials, which come back every spring and therefore get larger each year. Consult a reference book on herbs, or ask your local grower about the spreading pattern and shape of the plant before you dig.

Down in front. Smaller herbs such as oregano, parsley, and creeping thyme belong in the south (or front) part of the garden so they're not shaded by taller plants such as basil, tarragon, and cilantro.

Hide the pot. Some herbs, like

mint, can take over a garden. Keep a handle on them by planting them first in a large plastic pot about 12 inches in diameter and 12 inches deep. Then plant the whole thing in your garden, leaving about an inch of the rim above the topsoil. Use the same technique (but hide the rim completely) to make it easier to bring herbs like rosemary inside during the winter without damaging their roots.

Add an inch or two of mulch. It will stifle the growth of weeds, help keep your herbs clean, insulate them in the winter, and protect the soil from baking around the roots during the summer. Use straw or peanut hulls and avoid pine-bark mulch and grass clippings because they tend to make your soil more acidic. And be careful not to mulch too heavily at the base of your plants, or they may rot.

Feed sparingly. Generally, all perennial herbs need is a good spreading of manure or all-purpose, slow-release commercial fertilizer worked into the soil before planting and then again each spring. But the annuals, basil and cilantro, will produce much better if you feed them a little more often.

Water in the morning. Herbs prefer to be dry, so watering them in the morning gives them all day to dry out. Night watering may encourage the growth of fungus. Generally, herbs need only about an inch of water per week (more after you first plant them and during times of severe heat and drought).

Harvest often. The more you pick, the more you will get. If your annual plants such as basil and cilantro, start to flower and produce seeds, they'll quit growing leaves. Harvest them in the morning, when the herbs' oils are at their strongest.





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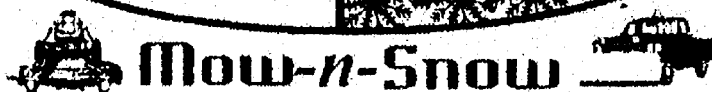
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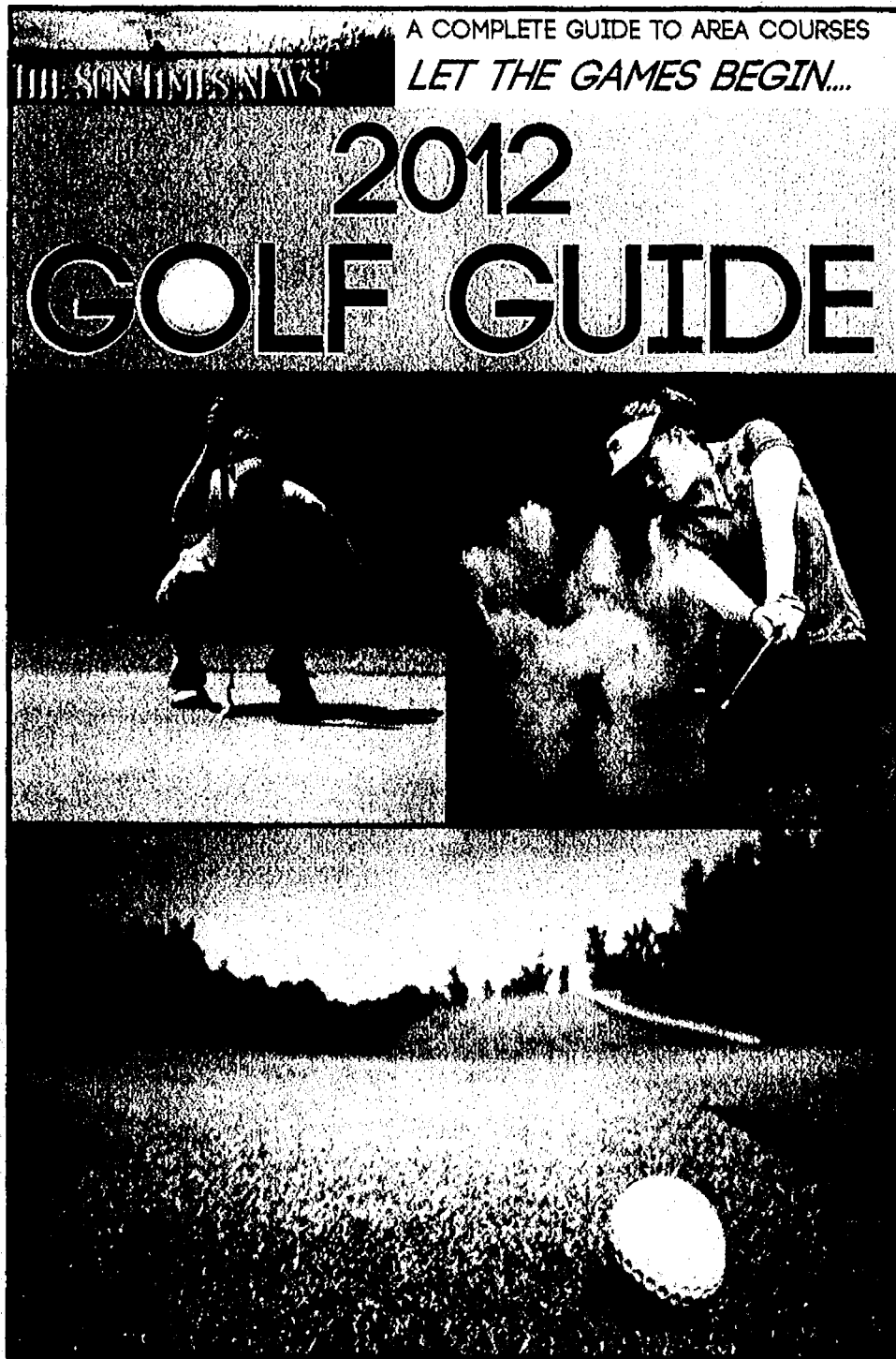


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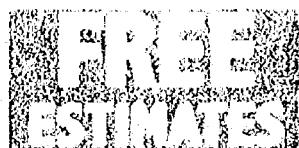
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